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Addendum

Contribution from the Centre against Apartheid

1. The Centre against Apartheid, with technical assistance from the Department of Economic and Social Development (DESD), is entrusted with the implementation of programmes pertaining to the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa (UNETPSA). UNETPSA was established by the General Assembly in 1967 by integrating earlier special programmes to assist persons from Namibia, South Africa, Southern Rhodesia and Territories under Portuguese administration in Africa.

2. For the period from 1 September 1990 to 31 August 1991, UNEPTSA received contributions totalling $US 4,425,370. The 1991 contributions and pledges, totalling $5,908,720, represent a significant increase of resources over the previous year.

3. UNETPSA has until recently provided educational assistance to Namibian and South African students outside their countries of origin. It will continue limited assistance to Namibia in a transitional period. In view of recent developments in South Africa, UNETPSA is now in the process of reorienting its focus to provide more assistance to students inside South Africa (for report of UNETPSA see document A/47/513).

4. The Centre against Apartheid also administers the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa. The Trust Fund provides legal, humanitarian, and relief assistance to the victims of apartheid. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/79 F of 13 December 1991, the Trust Fund

supports work in the legal field aimed at ensuring effective implementation of legislation repealing major apartheid laws; redressing continuing adverse effects of these laws and encouraging increased confidence in the rule of law. It is in the process of re-evaluating its terms of reference in order to reflect more accurately the new realities in South Africa and to adapt itself to new needs and priorities.

5. The total income to the Trust Fund since its inception, including interest, is $43,614,247 and the total amount of grants is $43,383,541, including those approved on 20 September 1991 (see A/47/525).

6. The Centre against Apartheid organized, from 22 to 24 May 1992, a seminar on South Africa's socio-economic problems and the future role of the United Nations system in helping to address them. The seminar took place in Windhoek and was hosted by the Government of Namibia.

7. About 30 representatives of various South African organizations or universities, industrial and banking agencies and other institutions involved in social and economic analysis and policy planning, and about 35 representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other offices, took part in the seminar.

8. The issues which were discussed at the seminar were the following: measures for economic growth; the redistribution of opportunity, input, income and services; human resources development needs; and resource needs for the socio-economic restructuring for a new South Africa.

9. Upon conclusion of the seminar, the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid made an overall preliminary assessment of the discussions and identified broad points of reference for designing, organizing and implementing future technical cooperation between a new South Africa and the United Nations system. He underlined the capability of the Special Committee to serve as focal point of the United Nations for its relationship with South Africa before, during and after the establishment of an interim government until the establishment of a democratic and non-racial South Africa. The participants endorsed the Chairman's concluding observations by acclamation (for report of the seminar, see document A/AC.115/L.685).

10. On 8 and 9 September 1992 the Conference on Educational Assistance to Disadvantaged South Africans, organized by the Centre against Apartheid under the auspices of UNETPSA and its Advisory Committee, with the full financial support and participation of the Special Committee, was held in New York. Some 140 participants attended the Conference (for the report of the Conference, see document A/47/513).